



March 21, 2007

Mr. Don Harrison, Chair
Northwest Compact, Sustainable Resource Development
Forest Protection Division
10th Floor, 9920-108 Street
EDMONTON AB T5K 2M4

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am pleased to advise you that the government of Saskatchewan, Canada, wishes to become a signatory to the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2.2 of Public law 105-377.

Steve Roberts is the contact person for this matter. His contact information is:

Steve J. Roberts, Executive Director
Fire Management and Forest Protection Branch
Saskatchewan Environment
PO Box 3003, Highway #2 North
PRINCE ALBERT SK S6V 6G1
Phone: (306) 953-2206
Fax: (306) 953-3575
Email: steve.roberts@serm.gov.sk.ca

The Province of Saskatchewan looks forward to promoting strong interagency relationships and cooperation in fire suppression activities as a member of the Compact.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John T. Nilson".

John T. Nilson, Q.C.
Minister of Environment

cc: Dylan Jones, Executive Director, Canadian Intergovernmental Relations
Alan Parkinson, Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Environment
Bob Ruggles, Assistant Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Environment



Our Mission:

"To facilitate the prevention, presuppression, and control of wildland fires in the Pacific Northwest."

September 28, 2004

Mr. R.P. Bailey
Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations
Government of Northwest Territories
Wildlife and Economic Development
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 2004, indicating your intentions of becoming a member of the Northwest Wildland Fire Compact.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2 of Public Law 105-3277 (Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement), which indicates, that unanimous approval of the members is required. This unanimous approval has been obtained and on behalf of all the members would like to welcome you as a member of the Northwest Wildland Fire Compact.

Attached is a copy of the existing Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement as well as a blank signature sheet, which requires your signature and return.

Again, welcome to the Northwest Wildland Fire Compact and we look forward to your contributions and participation.

Sincerely,

Don Harrison
Chair, Northwest Wildland Fire Compact

cc: Northwest Compact Members
Barbara Kennedy, Cooperative Fire Specialist, Portland Oregon
Susan Corey- Director Forest Management/RWED

Membership:

Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington

Participation and Approval

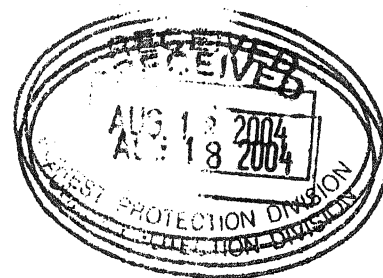
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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the Northwest Territories, on _____, 2004.

By _____
Name and Title



Northwest Territories Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development



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Mr. Don Harrison
Chair Northwest Compact
Sustainable Resource Development
Forest Protection Division
10th fl Great West Life Building
9920 108 STREET
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Dear Mr. Harrison:

Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement

I am pleased to advise you that the Government of the Northwest Territories, Canada, wishes to become a signatory to the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2 of Public Law 105-377.

The contact related to membership matters is Ms. Susan Corey, Director, Forest Management Division, Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development. She can be reached at (867) 872-7700.

We look forward to your advice on our membership, and to a fruitful and effective cooperative relationship in the field of forest fire management.

Sincerely,

R. P. Bailey
Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations

c. Ms. Susan Corey
Director, Forest Management/RWED



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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the Northwest Territories, on November 29, 2004.

By R.P. Bailey Assistant Deputy Minister
Name and Title

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ENHANCING
CROSS-BORDER CO-OPERATION TO FIGHT
WILDLAND FIRES**ADDRESS TO**
WESTERN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION
(Draft)

~~On In September 14, of 2004, members of this Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Enhancing Cross-Border Co-operation to Fight Wildland Fires between the Western Premiers and the Western Governors' Association was signed to formally acknowledge fomally a joint initiative that began in 2001 to strengthen on enhancing cross border co-operation in to fighting wildland fires.~~

~~The~~It's primary goal of the MOU was to ensure effective mutual aid protocols and prompt cross border responses to forest fire emergencies .

~~Governor Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho South Dakota and Premier Gary Doer of Manitoba were jointly assigned I have taken the lead role in the implementation of this initiative on behalf of the member states and provinces, particularly those members of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (North West Fire Compact).in the North West Fire Compact.~~

~~Since the signing of the Agreement, We are pleased to tell you that the implementation of a Work Plan addressing the MOU's four main objectives has progressed very well.~~

Premier Doer

Objective 1) Improved Standardization and Harmonization

- a) United States and Canadian members of the North West Compact now operate under a conceptually common, unified command and organizational structure known as the Incident Command System.
- b) ~~Joint c~~Cross-border joint training and fire suppression efforts are now occurring. An assessment of enhanced standardization of equipment, suppression techniques, personnel, and training standards between provinces and states has occurred, ~~and This review identified only minor gaps that posed no not deemed significant to impediments to~~ effective fire operations.

~~Idaho, British Columbia, Alberta and Montana particularly have enjoyed successful joint action (RAP Attack) border fire operations and mutual aid on an incremental basis over the past several years.~~



Northwest
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Chair, Northwest Wildland Fire Compact
Sustainable Resource Development
Forest Protection Division
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Dear Mr. Harrison:

Thank you for your letter of September 28, 2004 in regards to Northwest Territories membership of the Northwest Wildland Fire Compact.

I have signed the document attached to your letter and return it to you via this letter. Northwest Territories (NWT) looks forward to making a significant contribution to the Compact and to a long and positive relationship with the other members. Thank you very much for consideration of the NWT for membership in the Compact.

Sincerely,

R. P. Bailey
Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations

Attachment

c: Ms. Susan Corey
Director
Forest Management/RWED

Ms. Barbara Kennedy

Northwest Compact Members





WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

DOUG SUTHERLAND
Commissioner of Public Lands

May 14, 2004

Pacific Northwest Region
OR/WA State Office Fire and Aviation Management
Barbara Kennedy
Cooperative Fire Specialist
P.O. Box 3623
Portland, OR 97208-3624

Dear, Barbara

As requested, I was able to search out and obtain the complete "The Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement" (NW Compact). Enclosed you will find a copy of the agreement along with copies of all the participant's signature pages.

Sincerely

Roger A. Autry
Emergency Operations Manager
Department Natural Resources
Resource Protection Division
P.O. Box 47037
Olympia, WA 98504-7037

CC: Joe Shramek

THE NORTHWEST WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into by and between the state, provincial, and territorial wildland fire protection agencies' signatory hereto, hereinafter referred to as "members."

For and in consideration of the following terms and conditions, the members agree:

Article I

- 1.1 The purpose of this agreement is to promote effective prevention, presuppression, and control of forest fires in the northwest wildland region of the United States and adjacent areas of Canada (by the members) by providing mutual aid in prevention, presuppression, and control of wildland fires and by establishing procedures in operating plans that will facilitate such aid.

Article II

- 2.1 This agreement shall become effective for those members ratifying it whenever any two or more members, the states of Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, the Yukon Territory, the Province of British Columbia or the Province of Alberta have ratified it.
- 2.2 Any state, province, or territory not mentioned in this article which is contiguous to any member may become a party to this agreement subject to unanimous approval of the members.

Article III

- 3.1 The role of the members is to determine from time to time such methods, practices, circumstances, and conditions as may be found for enhancing the prevention, presuppression, and control of forest fires in the area comprising the members' territory, to coordinate the plans and the work of the appropriate agencies of the members and to coordinate the rendering of aid by the members to each other in fighting wildland fires.
- 3.2 The members may develop cooperative operating plans for the program covered by this agreement. Operating plans shall include definition of terms, fiscal procedures, personnel contacts, resources available, and standards applicable to the program. Other sections may be added as necessary.

Article IV

- 4.1 A majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its general business. Motions of members present shall be carried by a simple majority, except as stated in Article II. Each member will have one vote on motions brought before them.

Article V

- 5.1 Whenever a member requests aid from any other member in controlling or preventing wildland fires, the member agrees, to the extent they possibly can, to render all possible aid.

Article VI

- 6.1 Whenever the forces of any member are aiding another member under this agreement, the employees of such members shall operate under the direction of the officers of the member to whom they are rendering aid and be considered agents of the member they are rendering aid to and, therefore, have the same privileges and immunities as comparable employees of the member to whom they are rendering aid.
- 6.2 No member or its officers or employees rendering aid within another state, territory, or province pursuant to this agreement shall be liable on account of any act or omission on the part of such forces while so engaged or on account of maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith to the extent authorized by the laws of the member receiving the assistance. The receiving member, to the extent authorized by the laws of the state, territory, or province, agrees to indemnify and save-harmless the assisting member from any such liability.
- 6.3 Any member rendering outside aid pursuant to this agreement shall be reimbursed by the member receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of any equipment and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages, salaries, and maintenance of personnel and equipment incurred in connection with such request in accordance with the provisions of the previous section. Nothing contained herein shall prevent any assisting member from assuming such loss, damage, expense, or other cost from loaning such equipment or from donating such services to the receiving member without charge or cost.
- 6.4 For purposes of this agreement, personnel shall be considered employees of each sending member for the payment of compensation to injured employees and death benefits to the representatives of deceased employees injured or killed while rendering aid to another member pursuant to this agreement.
- 6.5 The members shall formulate procedures for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this article.

Article VII

- 7.1 When appropriations for support of this agreement or for the support of common services in executing this agreement are needed, costs will be allocated equally among the members.

- 7.2 As necessary, members shall keep accurate books of account, showing in full its receipts and disbursements, and the books of account shall be open at any reasonable time to the inspection of representatives of the members.
- 7.3 The members may accept any and all donations, gifts, and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services from the federal or any local government or any agency thereof and from any person, firm, or corporation for any of its purposes and functions under this agreement and may receive and use the same subject to the terms, conditions, and regulations governing such donations, gifts, and grants.

Article VIII

- 8.1 Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the powers of any member to provide for the prevention, control, and extinguishment of wildland fires or to prohibit the enactment of enforcement of state, territorial, or provincial laws, rules, or regulations intended to aid in such prevention, control, and extinguishment of wildland fires in such state, territory, or province.
- 8.2 Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to affect any existing or future cooperative agreement between members and/or their respective federal agencies.

Article IX

- 9.1 The members may request the United State Forest Service to act as the coordinating agency of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement in cooperation with the appropriate agencies for each member.
- 9.2 The members will hold an annual meeting to review the terms of this agreement and any applicable operating plans and make necessary modifications.
- 9.3 Amendments to this agreement can be made by simple majority vote of the members and will take effect immediately upon passage.

Article X

- 10.1 This agreement shall continue in force on each member until such member takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until sixty (60) days after notice thereof has been sent to all other members.

Article XI

- 11.1 Nothing in this agreement shall obligate the funds of any member beyond those approved by appropriate legislative action.

NORTHWEST WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Entered into by the state of Washington, Department of Natural Resources, this ____ day of _____, 1997

/s/

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY

Entered into by the state of Montana, Department of Natural Resources, this ____ day of _____, 1997

/s/

~~STATE OF WASHINGTON~~
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND CONSERVATION

BY

Entered into by the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Forests, this ____ day of _____, 1997

/s/

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINISTRY OF FORESTS

BY

Entered into by the Yukon Territory, Forest Service, this ____ day of _____, 1997

/s/

YUKON TERRITORY
FOREST SERVICE

BY

Entered into by the Province of Alberta, Ministry of Lands and Forests, this ____ day of _____, 1997

/s/

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
MINISTRY OF LANDS AND FORESTS

BY

3/25/98

Entered into by the state of Idaho, Department of Lands, this ____ day of
_____, 1997

/S/

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

BY

Entered into by the state of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, this ____ day of
_____, 1997

/S/

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY

Entered into by the state of Oregon, Department of Forestry, this ____ day of
_____, 1997

/S/

STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

BY

Participation and Approval

As provided in Article 2.1, this agreement shall become effective for those members ratifying it whenever any two or more members, the states of Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, the Yukon Territory, the province of British Columbia or the Province of Alberta have ratified it.

The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the state of Oregon,

Department of Forestry, on August 26, 1999.

By, Michael Beyerle
for James E. Brown
State Forester

Participation and Approval

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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the state of Washington, Department of Natural Resources, on September 4, 1997.

By Jennifer M. Seloken, Commissioner
Name and Title Public Lands

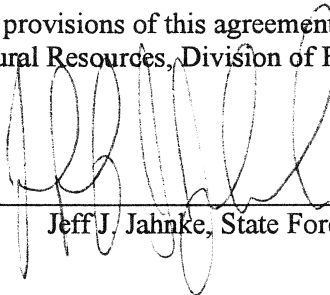
NORTHWEST FIRE COMPACT

Participation and Approval

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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry on 3-25, 1998.

By



Jeff J. Jahnke, State Forester

JUL 13 1998

Participation and Approval

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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the state of Idaho, Department of Lands, on 9 - 12, 1997.

By Stanley F. Hammiton, Director
Name and Title
Idaho Department of Lands

SEP 22 1997

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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the state of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, on August 27, 1997.

By Tim Murphy, Chief, Fire & Aviation
Name and Title

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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the Yukon Territory, Forest Service, on
Sept 2, 1997.

By Jeff Monty, Regional Manager, Forest Resources
Name and Title
JEFF MONTY

Participation and Approval

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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Forests, on SEPTEMBER 2, 1997.

By _____

Name and Title

J. P. DUNLOP
DIRECTOR

FOREST PROTECTION BRANCH

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

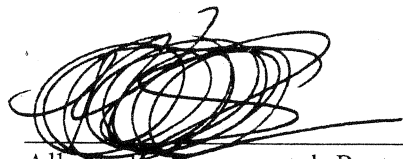
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Participation and Approval

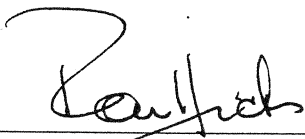
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The provisions of this agreement are adopted and approved for Her Majesty the Queen in right of Alberta as represented by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and the Ministry of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on Dec. 5, 1997, 1997.



Alberta Environmental Protection

Director, Forest Protection



Alberta Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs



Northwest
Territories Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development

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Sincerely,

R. P. Bailey
Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations

Attachment

c: Ms. Susan Corey
Director
Forest Management/RWED

Ms. Barbara Kennedy

Northwest Compact Members



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By R.P. Bailey Assistant Deputy Minister
Name and Title



File: 206-20/NWFPA

September 3, 1997

Randy Acker
Manager, Resource Protection Division
Washington State Department of Natural Resources
1111 Washington State SE
PO Box 47000
Olympia, Washington
98504-7000



Dear Randy Acker:

Gordie:

Please find enclosed a signed copy of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement from Jim Dunlop, Director, Protection Program, Ministry of Forests, Province of British Columbia. Your efforts in having Senator Murray introduce a bill in the U.S. Congress on our proposed agreement is very much appreciated.

The signing of this document has been a long time coming and there is still some work ahead of us if we hope to see this compact operational for next fire season. I have forwarded a copy of this letter to Gordon Schmidt, US Forest Service (as the compact secretariat) and have requested that he organize a follow up meeting of the signatories to this agreement. The meeting is necessary to develop cooperative operating plans with respect to definition of terms, fiscal procedures, personnel contacts, resource availability and standards relative to this agreement. Other issues surrounding pre-suppression activities, training and compact funding should also be discussed.

Thank you again for your efforts. I look forward to our signed copies from the other members of the agreement and to our meeting later this year.

Yours truly,



Rick Clevette
Manager, Fire Management
Protection Program

cc: Gordon Schmidt
Deputy Director
Fire & Aviation Management
United States Forest Service
333 SW First
MS Fire and Aviation Management
PO Box 3623
Portland, Oregon
97208

Enclosure

Gordi - Are you able to organize a meeting this fall to finalize the operational plans under this agreement. Please give me a call.

Thxs

Rick